

Remarks:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the patent application. Applicant submits that the claims that remain pending after entry of the present preliminary amendment, are allowable over the art of record, and Applicant respectfully and earnestly solicits early indication of same.

If the Examiner finds that there are any outstanding issues that may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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